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Mr. John Laird
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Dear Secretary Laird,

The County of Imperial is supportive of potential Sea to Sea plans that restore the Salton Sea. On October 24, 2013, the County signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Imperial Irrigation District that supports consideration of Sea to Sea plans. On November 3, 2015, the County adopted a Policy Statement Regarding Sea to Sea that also supports Sea to Sea plans. A copy of that Policy is attached to this letter.

More specifically, the County would support plans that provide benefits to the County such as the following:

- A long term solution for restoration of the Salton Sea
- Projects that protect the health of Imperial County residents
- Projects that protect or improve air, water quality and wildlife habitat
- Projects that promote economic development in Imperial County
- Projects that provide jobs for Imperial County residents

At this time, the County has not reviewed any specific plan and looks forward to reviewing the submittals to the State's Request for Information for Salton Sea Water Importation Projects.

Sincerely,


Raymond R. Castillo, Chairman
Board of Supervisors

cc: Gary Jennings

County of Imperial Policy Statement Regarding Sea to Sea Projects

The County has supported Sea to Sea plans since the monumental signing of the Memorandum of Understanding between the County of Imperial, Imperial County Air Pollution Control District and Imperial Irrigation District Concerning Salton Sea Stabilization and Restoration (MOU) executed on October 24, 2013. Additionally, the Imperial County 2015 legislative platform emphasizes the need for the County to "secure a permanent solution for the restoration of the Salton Sea" with a "reliable and consistent water source."

While the County emphasizes the importance of developing and focusing on immediate restoration projects that must occur due to the mitigation water delivery to the Salton Sea ending on December 31, 2017, consistent with MOU, the County supports a Sea to Sea plan as a potential long term project to address the air quality and habitat concerns of the Salton Sea.

The County also emphasizes that future water transfers out of Imperial County are not acceptable.